

REVOLTS AT SING SING PRISON.

Two Desperate Attempts at Escape by Bands of Convicts.

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MURDER OF A REAPER.

Three of the Prisoners Severely Wounded While Attempting to Seize a Sloop.

Full Particulars of the Emeute and Interesting Incidents.

At five o'clock yesterday morning the ominous

peals of the alarm at the State Prison in Sing

sing warned the officers of that institution, and also

the neighboring citizens of the village, that all was

not right among the convicts. Within the prison

miles hurried to the cells, where the convicts were

kept, and, having been on watch during the early

part of the night, were endeavoring to recruit

strength for the coming day. Having assembled in

hot haste it was soon discovered that two of the

watchmen had been tied and gagged during the

night; that one of them, Edwin Craft, was

dead, and that five convicts had escaped by

cutting a hole through the roof of the chapel. The

deceased was a night watchman in the messroom,

his special duty being to look after a convict named

Mulvey, who acted as a sort of engineer around the

bells. On each morning it was the duty of night

keepers named Thomas Forrest to unlock the cells of

four or five convicts, at about the hour of three

o'clock, and conduct the men to the bakehouse,

where their allotted work was to make the bread

for breakfast. Yesterday morning at the hour

above named four men were taken out

for this purpose by Mr. Forrest, and when passing

through the chapel, on the way from the main prison

to the messroom, he was seized by the convicts, who

bound him hand and foot, placed a gag firmly

in his mouth and left him in that condition. They

then went forward into the messroom where they

found Craft and treated him in a similar manner

as regards tying and gagging, with this unfor-

tunate difference, that when the latter was dis-

covered, perhaps two or three afterwards, he was

quite dead. The only mark of the disturbance

about Craft was a small quantity of blood caused

by his mouth. This was believed to have been

caused by the gag, as when one end of the string

was cut the gag sprang out as though it had been

tightened in a vice. His tongue was also doubled

up in his mouth, and, while his body was warm, no

signs of life could be called back, although prompt

measures for resuscitation were resorted to. For-

rest, whose evidence will be found below, was

seated in getting his feet free, but his hands were

fettered tightly and his mouth securely

sealed when he was taken to the messroom in the

morning. It appears that on encountering Craft, the engineer, Mulvey

assisted the convicts in their escape, and that

which all five made their way, by picking locks and

other well studied contrivances to the roof of the

chapel building, where they were seen by the

guard. The convicts, however, were not deterred

by this, and, having overpowered him, secured his

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